

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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For Sale—One registered Polled Hereford bull, three years old. Address Overbrook Farm, Hoffman, N.C.

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Call phone No. 153 for auto anywhere any time.—Helms Auto Transfer.

Notice—The road supervisors of Goose Creek township will meet at Unionville August 14, Monday. All road overseers are notified to have their roads in good condition and report the conditions of same at this meeting.—L. A. Clontz, Chairman.

Wanted—25,000 bushels good, dry wheat. Highest market price paid.—J. M. Fairley & Sons.

Farms for Sale—In North Carolina and Virginia. Send for list.—W. A. Fairford, Durham, North Carolina.

Wanted—Reliable single man to handle colts and fit them for market. Fifteen per month with board and lodging.—William Watkins, Saxe, Virginia.

Wanted—By a young lady of several years experience, position as teacher in private family; small children preferred. Reference: Address Miss Clara Gray, Signpine, Va.

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For Sale—110 acres located on the main highway two miles from town, 10 room brick dwelling in first-class condition; this house alone cost \$10,000.00; two tenant houses in good condition; 80 acres in splendid state of cultivation, balance in pasture. This is one of the best homes in Greenwood county. Splendid neighborhood. Price \$4500. Easy terms.—Davis Realty Co., Greenwood, S. C.

Horses for sale cheap—Pair registered Suffolk mares 4 years old, 1500 pounds each, bred to Suffolk stallion for next spring colts. Registered Suffolk stallion 5 years old, 1800 pounds, sure foot getter, and a beautiful horse. Registered Suffolk filly 4 months old. Pair Suffolk geldings three years old, well matched and perfect beauties. Black mare 4 years old in foal by Suffolk stallion. All these horses are quiet workers and will be fully guaranteed.—William Watkins, Saxe, Va.

160 acre farm for sale half mile from Jefferson Junction, Va., bordering on Southern Railroad near national highway; two-thirds cleared, balance in timber and wood. Over \$2000.00 crop on farm now. Two settlements, barns and pack houses sufficient for saving crops. To be sold quick for division. Terms to suit buyer. Address Howerton Bros., Clarksville, Virginia.

Wanted—Everyone interested in tuberculosis to write for particulars of Southern Pines Sanatorium, a system of out-door huts in the pine woods. Eighteen years successful operation. Located near the State Sanatorium for Tuberculosis. Patients waiting for admission there can be accommodated at our place until time for their admission. Address, Edwin Gladmon, M. D., Southern Pines, North Carolina.

Plenty more of that good nursery stock like I sold you last year. Everybody is pleased with it and wants more.—T. F. Tadlock, Monroe R. F. D. 3.

One automobile for sale. See Lee Trull.

W. O. W. Clerks—Get a new form, pocket size, receipt book at The Journal Office. By mail 25cents cash.

Copple's furniture store is the best place to buy all kinds of furniture. See him before you buy.

For Sale—128 acres of good land on Davis Mine road, opposite tract of Monroe Insurance & Investment Co. Lies mile and a quarter of railroad station at Baker's and a fine tract of land. 25 acres cleared for plow that will make bale per acre.—R. F. Beasley.

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H. E. Copple's furniture store has a full line of all kinds of furniture and it pays to call there before you buy.

Please call at any time for back wash.—Henry Lily, Phone 268.

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INFANTILE PARALYSIS, OR AN EPIDEMIC OF SIN

The following sermon was lately preached by Rev. J. Fred Stillwell, a native of this county, now of Columbus City, Iowa. Text: II Kings 5-27. "The leprosy of Naaman shall cleave to thee."

We have all been alarmed more or less by the epidemic that is sweeping the east. Two hundred and ninety-six children have died since June the first. The strict enforcement of every known sanitary precaution is being demanded by the health authorities. The federal authorities are co-operating with state and city officials in an effort to stamp out the disease.

Disease epidemics have been in the past the curse of the human race. Sometimes these dreaded infections have taken from whole continents from one-third to one-half the entire population. War affects primarily the men of the nation, but an epidemic strikes the innocent and helpless as well, and too often entire families are wiped from the earth or children are left without father or mother. Even in our times we have seen pictures of the ravages of cholera in India, where men and women died so fast, they were compelled to burn them where they fell, or construct a huge pyre and burn them by the score.

In Europe when the Black Death dealt such a fearful blow, men and women died in the streets so rapidly they could not adequately handle the victims and many of them lay in the streets for days before they could be removed by the authorities.

But greater than these epidemics, decidedly more far-reaching in its influence, is an epidemic that has wrecked nations, ruined churches, destroyed houses, and polluted individuals. It takes all the time. It never abates. It has caused betrothals to be untrue to their lovers; parents to be unjust to their offspring; wives to be unkind and careless of their husbands, and husbands at variance with their wives. Suicide, crime, adultery, lying, cheating, and stealing may largely be attributed to it. It has caused impure thoughts to find lodgement in the mind; vice and habit of a baser nature to become rooted in the heart. It has turned the highest impulses to the most degrading activities. It has caused the city officers to be disgraced for the purpose of enriching some in control. It has caused the infamous cess pools of humanity to fester in the highways, and the more degraded to pander our streets for trade, while insignificant petty-fuggers hold these ostentatious virtuous. This mighty power of epidemic is with us now. It is sin.

We may gloss over the facts as much as we please, deny as we want, but on every corner, at every hamlet, it stares at us with its maddening, glistering eyes. Sin is abroad in the land, and it is and has been the greatest epidemic that has ever cursed any land or city.

The captain of the Syrian host was a man of mighty valor in the eyes

of the highest. "Lay down with dogs, and you will get up with fleas." "Get too near the buzz saw and you will get cut." I shudder for some of you young people when I see you running with a gang that will ultimately lead you away from God. You love what you used to love and you hate what you used to hate instead of reversing the desire of your heart. Like Lot's wife, you are looking back. You are coming in contact with a disease that is infectious and dangerous, one that will leave marks or scars to brand you as long as God gives you breath.

The flowers, they claim, near the battle front have lost their fragrance because of the stench of the dying and dead lying on the battlefield; because of the sweat of men and horses, and the blood of the unfortunate martyrs of war. You get too near the border line and the stench of sin will pollute you to such an extent that no matter how fragrant you were for Christ and the Kingdom, you will become as a sodden vessel.

A mother asked her son why he took his bathing suit along with him since she had told him he must not go near the water. He said he was afraid he was going to be tempted. I suppose he believed in preparedness too.

At the source of the St. John's river a large eagle used to come for its food. The low water would wash in small fish and here the eagle would stand and wait for its spoil. One day it noticed a large stone near the spot where it used to catch its meal. It looked dangerous, but hunger overcame the sense of danger, especially since there were some unusually fine fish near the rock. So it ventured forth. In a few days it would hop on the rock as though it had always been there, and still the fish were plentiful. One day there was placed upon the rock a large slanting stick, with something peculiar fastened upon the end. The eagle approached with care and soon again devoured its easily gotten meal. One day, an Indian in a nearby thicket pulled a string, the large stick with a net fell over the bird. It struggled and tried to free itself, but to no avail. It was placed in a bag and sold for \$50. Men and women, when was that eagle caught? When the Indian pulled the cord? No, when it first went to the rock to get its easily gotten food.

Gehazi's sin started when he came in contact with sin. And your sin started when you first came in contact with it. Not just after you committed the act. Sin like a seed grows into tremendous proportions if not cut in the beginning. Go to the prison house; to the poor farm; to the place where vice fests, and ask the victims when they started downward, with the disease, sin, has been their downfall. The infection, as with infantile paralysis, comes immediately afterward. We might have called Gehazi to stop, but the delirium of the gifts and the sight of them had so bewildered him he could not see the results. I cry out to men and women in sin to stop, but they go on in a mad rush to hell.

I learn that the bite of the Taran-

laws of sanitation and health, and disease is the result. But all have opportunity to know that "The wages of sin is death." As Gehazi went forth from the presence of Elisha he realized that there was a judgment for every crime. "He was a leper."

Some weeks ago a train plunged over a high bridge and sent twenty-six souls into eternity. It is said that there was doubt about the safety of the bridge, but the railroad company took a chance. That may not be true, but I know that there are thousands today who are taking chances with sin and hoping to come out safely, and they are plunging into the chasm of eternal ruin. It would not be quite so bad if they merely went themselves, but they are breaking the hearts of loved ones and dragging others down with them.

Let me pray you do not come in contact with sin. Keep a border line that is safe and broad. Be on the side of Christ and righteousness and purity. But, if you have stepped over, we have one who is willing to reach over for you as he did for the headstrong Paul and impetuous Peter.

The great Henry Drummond once arose in his large class and with tears in his eyes he said softly to his boys, "I received a letter from a boy that makes me shudder to look at it. He tells me he is polluted with sin and wants to know if there is any way in which he can be cleaned." "This morning," he said, "as I was coming to Edinburgh I saw a white fleecy cloud. The cloud had come from the slums, the sun of heaven had brought it up out of the muddy dirty street. Just so, my friend, the Son of Righteousness can take you and raise you from the mire and mire of life and lift you near to himself. Will you let him do it?"

ABOUT THE LANDSLIDES

The Destructive Forces in the Mountain Sections—Theories as to Their Cause.

Among the very destructive forces in the mountain sections during the recent high waters were the landslides. In some sections the greatest damage was not from the overflowing rivers and creeks, but from the landslides, supposed to be the result of the continuous heavy rains. The Brevard News has this about the landslides in Transylvania county:

"From Brevard scars may be seen in many directions on the mountain sides. These slides were very destructive. In some places they covered acres of ground and plowed their way to a depth of 20 feet, thus making a deep gorge down the mountain sides.

"The formation of some of these slides were intact, coming down in huge bodies of earth with the trees and other vegetation standing erect. In other instances it was a general mixture of water, earth, mud, rock and trees, which tumbled down the mountains with a terrific crash. Sometimes they landed in fields of corn, in other instances they slid into creeks and rivers and changed the water courses.

"Great damage was done to the roads by reason of slides across them. Once they started they left nothing in their path, taking many tons of earth and rock before reaching the bottom or stopping place."

The home of Mr. R. G. Orr, in the King's creek section of Transylvania, was destroyed by a landslide and he makes this report to the News:

"Just after a shower I took the baby in my arms and walked out in the yard a few feet from the house. I had not seen any of the slides and didn't know what they were, but I heard a crash and roar and looking up the mountain above my home, saw what appeared to be the whole mountain side coming down with terrific speed. I screamed to my wife so that I kept her attention on me and she ran towards me, and she had such a narrow escape that the mud from the

slide spattered upon her. In what seemed to me only a second's time there was a great crash and my home was entirely destroyed. It was shattered into tiny particles. Nothing remained to tell the story but a piece of the upper floor. The entire house and its contents washed on down King's creek, which was a roaring mass of water and forest."

Mr. Orr said that it was not raining and that he didn't see any signs of a waterspout but felt a tremor of the earth. Just as they escaped the first landslide another crashed down the mountain side on the other side of them.

Remarking further on the landslides, the News says:

"There has been considerable discussion as to the direct cause of the numerous landslides that have wrought such destruction to property, claimed lives and changed river courses. Some say that the earth became saturated with water and could not hold itself in place. Others say that water spouted from the earth after accumulations through veins and others say waterspouts from the clouds did the work and others claim cloudbursts set things moving. O. W. Clayton says there is going to be some lighting done, as the discussions are warm, and he requests the News to shed light on the question.

"Mr. Clayton was in the Penrose section Sunday morning and there were about 14 slides in that vicinity.

He was an eye-witness to two. Mr. Clayton said the waterspouts were formations of a funnel shape; that they looked like a dense fog and that the smaller end struck the earth with such force that something had to give way and the earth, rock and forests began to slide. He said that he saw one move a distance with a terrific crash and stop, then the cloud of water struck behind it again and there was another slide of the earth.

"There are many supporters of this theory. They tell of places on the top of mountains where the so-called spouts dug high holes in the earth."

In the last issue of the Landmark an article—written by Rev. W. A. Lutz although his name was not signed to it—stated that clouds are like sponges and sometimes when they are driven by the winds they collide with the mountain peaks and a flood of water results, which causes streams to overflow and sometimes washes down mountain sides. This idea is similar to that mentioned by the News.

Liver Trouble.
"I am bothered with liver trouble about twice a year," writes Joe Dingman, Webster City, Iowa. "I have pains in my side and back and an awful soreness in my stomach. I heard of Chamberlin's Tablets and tried them. By the time I had used half a bottle of them I was feeling fine and had no signs of pain." Obtainable everywhere.

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